

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF DR. LUIS JOSÉ MOREIRA DA
SILVA BARREIROS

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, today Boston is experiencing a great loss. It is losing the services and expertise of a man who not only helped to increase civic involvement within our Portuguese community but also played an integral role in its economic and social evolution. Dr. Luis José Moreira da Silva Barreiros' tireless work as the Consul General of Portugal in Boston has enriched this area in so many important ways that his presence will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure to work with him.

Dr. Barreiros' distinguished work with the Portuguese foreign service began two decades ago and since that time, he has consistently demonstrated his devotion to the development of a strong Portuguese community. Dr. Barreiros has worn many hats during his career, serving first as the Embassy Secretary in Maputo, Mozambique and later with the Advisory Council for Economic and Development affairs to the Portuguese delegation at the United Nations in New York. His economic expertise led him to other key posts with the Institute for Economic Cooperation and the Secretary of State for Economic Cooperation.

Since December 1994, Dr. Barreiros has served as Consul-General in Boston. It is for his work in this post that all of us here are profoundly grateful. The extraordinary relationship that Dr. Barreiros has forged with the Portuguese-American organizations in this area has been remarkable. He has worked with various committees in Boston to increase both Portuguese-American pride and civic engagement.

Dr. Barreiros leaves Boston having changed it for the better, and it is for this reason that all of us here are so sorry to see him go. It is a fitting commemoration of his work here and of the ties he has forged between our two republics that the United States State Department this month extended the ninety day visa waiver program for citizens of Portugal. The people of Portugal will be fortunate to have him back in Lisbon, and we all know that he will flourish in his new assignment. Dr. Barreiros, we wish you nothing but the best, and on behalf of all my constituents, Portuguese-Americans and other Americans whose lives you have touched, I would like to sincerely thank you for all that you have accomplished during your time here. You will be missed.

HONORING RABBI MORRIS SHERER

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to introduce, along with my colleague from New York, Mr. GILMAN, a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in honor of the extraordinary life and work of Rabbi Morris Sherer. Rabbi

Sherer's tremendous contributions to Judaism, and to this nation, really shine as an example which both deserves honor and emulation.

I had the good fortune and privilege to know Rabbi Sherer, and recall his dedication to the preservation of Judaism in years following Holocaust. He fought for religious liberty, he built educational programs, and always provided guidance to the perplexed. *Torat Emet Hayta b'hiyu*—The Torah was always in his mouth. His leadership helped bring about a rebirth of Orthodox Jewish life, of charitable giving and of learning as the President of the Agudath Israel of America since 1961.

Mr. Speaker, I think Americans of all faiths can learn a great deal from the life of Rabbi Sherer. His commitment to the preservation of the faith and culture of our people, his devotion to education and to helping those least fortunate, his ability to reach out to others to make this a better nation, his record of accomplishment, all make his life and work an inspiration to all. I urge our colleagues to join in honoring the life of this outstanding American.

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Whereas Rabbi Morris Sherer was born in New York City on June 18, 1921;

Whereas upon receiving his rabbinic ordination from Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore, Maryland, Rabbi Sherer joined the Agudath Israel of America in 1943, devoting his energies to rescue and relief activities on behalf of European Jewry during the Second World War;

Whereas through his work with the Agudath Israel of America, Rabbi Sherer played a major role in the post-World War II renaissance of Orthodox Jewish life in the United States, fusing the talents and energies of native-born Americans with the determination and courage of immigrant Holocaust survivors and refugees to help build Orthodox Jewish communities and institutions across the country;

Whereas Rabbi Sherer worked tirelessly and effectively to safeguard religious liberty in America and throughout the world, to safeguard the rights of Sabbath observers, to assist the beleaguered Jewish communities in lands of oppression across the globe, to address the needs of needy persons of all backgrounds, and to apply the moral and ethical teachings of classical Judaism to issues and problems of modern society; and

Whereas Rabbi Sherer died on May 17, 1998, leaving behind a legacy of extraordinary humanitarian accomplishment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives—

(1) that Rabbi Morris Sherer should be recognized as one of the outstanding American religious leaders of our time, who played a historic role in the growth and development of the Orthodox Jewish community in the United States; and

(2) that Rabbi Morris Sherer's life of commitment to education, human dignity, religious liberty, and freedom is one which serves as an inspiration to all people and deserves emulation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I was not present on June 25, 1999 for rollcall vote 256.

Had I had been present, I would have voted "yea."

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO DR. DAVID
B. BAKER FOR HIS OUT-
STANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO
HEIDELBERG COLLEGE

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay very special tribute to a truly outstanding individual from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. For more than thirty years, Dr. David B. Baker has made significant contributions to Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. As he prepares for his retirement from Heidelberg, I felt this was a most appropriate time to recognize him for his efforts.

After graduating from Heidelberg College in 1958, Dr. Baker pursued his master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Michigan. Following a year of post-doctoral study in Germany, Dr. Baker began his distinguished teaching career at Rutgers University. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Baker returned to Heidelberg where, since 1966, he has been a faculty member in the Biology Department.

In a turn that brought international acclaim to him, Heidelberg College, and his research associates, Dr. Baker led the effort that formed the Heidelberg Water Quality Laboratory. Dr. Baker's efforts at the lab have helped with various environmental public policy efforts including evaluating storm run-off, restoration of the once-severely polluted Lake Erie, setting Environmental Protection Agency standards for river compounds, and many more.

As the one and only director of Heidelberg Water Quality Laboratory, Dr. David Baker pushed the lab to its current level of international prominence. Dr. Baker set out to share the lab's work with the public through his numerous speeches, public information programs, and test and research sharing techniques.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. David Baker is a remarkable individual who has given freely of his time and talents to ensure that education and the environment are made better for the future. Through his outstanding service to Heidelberg College, to the Water Quality Laboratory, and to the academia world, Dr. Baker has made a lasting impact that will not soon be forgotten. At this point, I would urge my colleagues of the 106th Congress to stand and join me in special tribute to Dr. David Baker. We extend our congratulations on his retirement and best wishes for the future.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS TAKE THE
RING

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, in San Antonio this past Sunday, more than 230,000 fans lined the banks of the historic River Walk to honor the World Champion San Antonio Spurs. For a city that is the 8th largest in the

nation, San Antonio is proud of its humble warriors. San Antonio can not only boast about its strong economy, thriving culture, and beautiful weather, it can now lay claim to pro basketball's finest team.

From the rich tradition of the San Antonio Missions and the Alamo, to the Tower of the Americas, San Antonio's skyline can now add the true Twin Towers, David Robinson and Tim Duncan. The whole team acted as one cohesive unit, displaying the chemistry that all great champions have, and to that, they all proved worthy. For a team that has one of the highest college graduation rates in all professional sports, they are truly heroes and role models for us all.

This fine athletic achievement is not only for the city of San Antonio, Peter and Julianna Holt, the team owners, or the players, but it is for all the fans of the old American Basketball Association. This is the first time a team from the old ABA has won the NVA Championship. This victory was for all of us who remember the "Iceman" George Gervin, along with countless other great stars who toiled long hours for recognition. It is for those who remember the Hemisphere Arena and the "Baseline Burns". Team basketball shined this day, and for all the fans of the San Antonio Spurs, it shines just a little brighter.

TRIBUTE TO JOAN STEFANSKI

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Joan Stefanski who today retires from her position of Director of the Ferndale Chamber of Commerce after twenty-two years of distinguished service to the Ferndale community.

She has been instrumental in coalition-building in the City of Ferndale. A unique contribution has been her efforts in building relationships between business and the homeowners of Ferndale. A familiar scene were the block parties where business men and women would volunteer along with the residents. Joan has that special skill of bringing together people of diverse interests and abilities, and encouraging a partnership between them.

Years ago, the assumption by many was that Ferndale was a city in decline. Many citizens felt otherwise and Joan Stefanski was among the key activists. She played an important role in business development in the city, bringing about a re-blossoming of Ferndale. An example was the decision of Credit Union One to remain in Ferndale, thus helping to keep Ferndale commercially viable, and set the tone for other companies to bring their business to the city. Today, we see downtown Ferndale moving ahead rapidly. Today, we see the neighborhoods increasingly sought after as a place of residence.

As a Congressman, I have thoroughly enjoyed the many years of our working relationship. Whether it was trying to find a reasonable and real solution to the Ferndale Post Office difficulties, bringing together people to form the Southwest Oakland Coalition for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse, or attending Chamber meetings, among many endeavors, my staff and I have always found working with Joan to be most productive and satisfying.

Joan Stefanski has also been an unassuming and highly effective pioneer in breaking down barriers to women in the business world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in wishing Joan Stefanski and her husband good health and happiness as they move to their retirement home on the west side of Michigan and in honoring her for over 20 years of exceptional and committed service to the community of Ferndale.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL CHARLES C. KRULAK, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great patriot, a man amongst men and a Marine's Marine. After almost forty years of devoted service to this Nation, General Charles C. Krulak, 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps, will soon receive his final orders directing him to stand-down and retire from active duty. His departure will signal an evolutionary change—the first time in 70 years that a Krulak will be absent from the roles of the United States Marine Corps.

After graduating from the Naval Academy in 1964, General Krulak had an illustrious career that spanned four decades of faithful service to this Nation. During his service to our country General Krulak commanded a platoon and two rifle companies during two tours of duty in Vietnam; he commanded a Marine infantry rifle battalion; was the Commanding General for 10th Marine Expeditionary Brigade; Assistant Division Commander for 2d Marine Division, Fleet Marine Forces Atlantic; Commanding General, 2d Force Service Support Group; Commanding General, 6th Marine Expeditionary Brigade; commanded the 2d Force Service Support Group during the Gulf War; commanded Marine Forces Pacific/Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, and on June 29, he was promoted to General and assumed duties as the 31st Commandant on June 30, 1995.

General Krulak's decorations and medals include: the Silver Star Medal; Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" and two gold stars; Purple Heart with gold star; Combat Action Ribbon; Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry; the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

It is during his tenure as the 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps to which this body has come to know and appreciate the many virtues of this modern day warrior. His accomplishments as Commandant will resonate long and far into the next millennium, ensuring the Marine Corps remains the world's premier crisis response force. A professional force that is committed, capable, and reliable to meet any challenge, under any circumstance, anytime and anyplace in the world.

The challenges which will confront this Nation in the 21st century will be varied and often unpredictable—a time of asymmetry, uncertainty, and chaos. Fortunately, General Krulak had the wisdom and foresight to understand the emergence of this fluid and unstable environment. He understood the necessity to

field an agile and adaptable force—a Corps of Marines who could prevail against the multifaceted threats which would challenge our Nation's security and its interests.

General Krulak understood the situation at hand. He understood, not merely the importance to modernize the force, but to develop new concepts and techniques which will ensure decisive victory in the "savage wars of peace." He forged his Corps of Marines through unrelenting sacrifice, initiative, and courage.

He labored extensively within the naval services to develop common operational concepts to support the strategic vision expressed in "Forward . . . From the Sea."

He diligently exercised oversight of the Marine Corps in its roles as lead or executive agency within the Department of Defense for Military Operations Other Than War, Military Operations on Urban Terrain, and Non-Lethal Weapons.

He promoted the institutionalization of the Combat Development System and the Concepts Based Requirements System in the Marine Corps. These systems ensured that Marine Corps doctrine, organization, training and education, equipment and supporting activities were all driven by, and working toward achieving, a common operational warfighting concept.

He created the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory as a standing forum to serve as the cradle and test bed for the development of enhanced operational concepts, tactics, techniques, procedures, and doctrine which would be progressively introduced into the fleet Marine Forces in concert with new technologies.

He directed the creation of the Marine Corps' Chemical-Biological Incident Response Force to assist in filling a void in the Nation's ability to manage the consequences of a chemical or biological incident. This force has been employed on several instances at the national level, and has prompted the development of additional consequence management capabilities throughout DoD.

He created and implemented the "Transformation Process" of making Marines—a holistic approach to recruiting and developing young men and women to ensure they have the skills and basic character needed to effectively meet the asymmetric 21st century threat. Transformation, which begins with a prospective recruit's first contact with a Marine recruiter and continues throughout a Marine's service, constituted a major enhancement to the way the Marine Corps recruits and trains Marines.

He labored extensively to institutionalize the Marine Corps' "core values" of honor, courage, and commitment while maintaining—and in many cases elevating—performance standards in every aspect of Marine Corps' recruiting and developmental processes—be they mental, physical or moral.

There are many more accomplishments that could be enumerated upon here—accomplishments that speak to programs and doctrine, to systems and platforms. But, to focus on these, as daunting as they are, would be an injustice to the most important aspect of General Krulak's storied career—the care and nurturing of the Marine Corps family.

He created the Personnel and Family Readiness Division within Headquarters Marine Corps to account for the fact that personal and family readiness are inseparable from combat